

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Newell and Senator Kelly move to suspend Rule 5, Section 5, so as to allow Senator Newell and Kelly to introduce a bill concerning the rights of adopted persons, Request #1602.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Newell.

SENATOR NEWELL: Mr. President, members of the body, this request number is a bill that deals with adoptions. It is basically a revision on that bill. It has added some things and basically trying to tighten down some of the requirements. Senator Kelly would like to explain a little bit of some medical records section and then I will come back and close if there is any further debate. Senator Kelly.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Kelly.

SENATOR KELLY: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, one big difference in this request in LB 483 would have to do with health records of adopted people particularly for adopted children and the change would work this way. For health reasons from health care providers that are licensed by the State of Nebraska such as clinical psychologists, psychiatric and physicians when they would need for the health reasons of the child to know something about the medical history of that child, that physician could petition the court and the court could by order, open up the records of the adopted child for health reasons again only, usually probably for diagnostic reasons. There are many cases in Nebraska and other places where physicians, clinical psychologists work entirely in the dark with these young people because the information is legally not available. The information is available but it is not legally available. It would be with this provision in the law whereby these children could be properly treated instead of improperly mistreated which is today the case. For just this one particular little reason all alone the entry of this bill is worth it and I ask your support for 30 votes to suspend the rules.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Hefner.

SENATOR HEFNER: Mr. President, members of the body, I rise to oppose introducing another bill and the reason that I oppose it is because we have many many bills on General File. I think the introducer of the last adoptive bill had an opportunity to amend that bill so it would have carried the same provisions that this bill has in it. The many bills that we have before us like property tax relief bills, we haven't acted on any appropriation bills